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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2006, and subsequent Advisory Action dated March 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on April 26, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**No Amendments to the Specification** are present in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are present in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.